

Historical Princess Study Guide

Sacagawea

Working Mother

Born: May 1788

Died: December 20, 1812 (aged 24) or April 9, 1884 (aged 95)

Spouse: Toussaint Charbonneau

Children: Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, Lisette Charbonneau

Nationality: Lemhi Shoshone

Kidnapped at an early age and sold to Charbonneau to be his wife



With Lewis and Clark at the Three Forks, mural at Montana House of Representatives

Sacagawea is most well known for traveling with Lewis and Clark across the Louisiana Purchase. She was an interpreter and symbol of peace and friendship during the trip. She and her family made a lasting bond with William Clark.



Website/ Non-Fiction Book List

<https://www.biography.com/explorer/sacagawea>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacagawea>

- Who Was Sacagawea? By, Dennis B. Fradin
- I Am Sacagawea by, Grace Norwich

Era Literature/ Historical Fiction

- Sacagawea and the Bravest Deed by, Stephen Krensky
- The Crossing by, Donna Jo Napoli
- Shoshone stories - <http://www.native-languages.org/shoshone-legends.htm>

Charles Brockden Brown is the earliest American novelist whose works are still commonly read. He published *Wieland* in 1798, and in 1799 published *Ormond*, *Edgar Huntly*, and *Arthur Mervyn*. These novels are of the Gothic genre.

Art



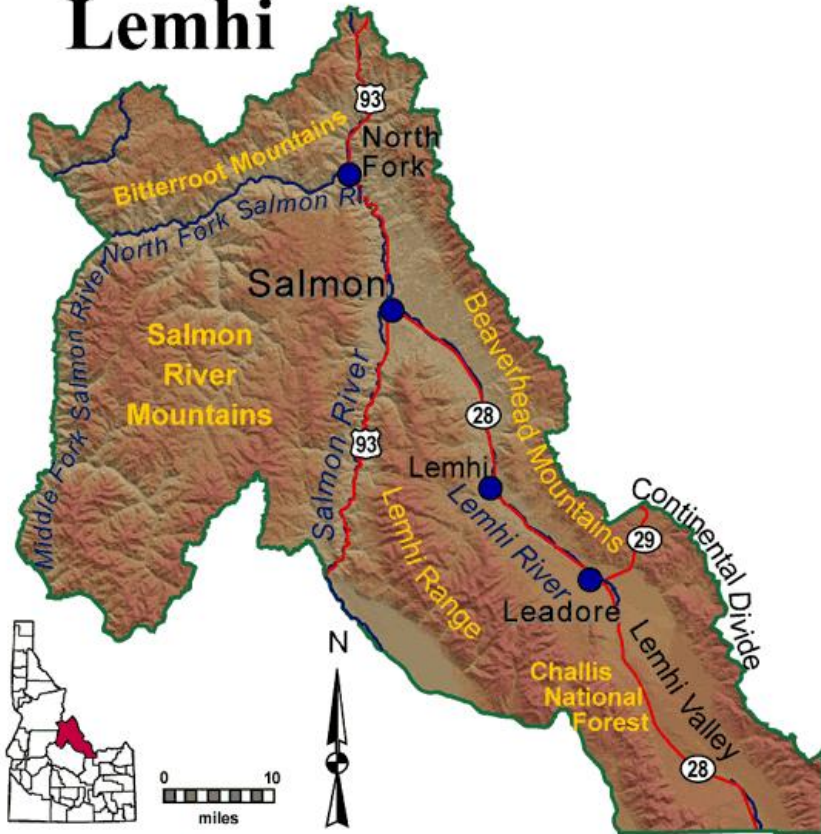
Shoshone Hide Painting of the Sun Dance



Shoshone beaded belt, possibly similar to the one Sacagawea traded during the expedition.

Maps

Lemhi



Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. What happened to Sacagawea when she was about twelve years old?
2. Why was she chosen to accompany Lewis and Clark? What was her role in the expedition?
3. Who did Sacagawea meet unexpectedly during the expedition?
4. Where did Sacagawea and her husband go after the expedition? How did she die? What are the conflicting stories of her death and her husband's death?
5. What happened to her son? What are some of the highlights of his life?

Activities

1. Read a book or watch a documentary on the Lewis and Clark Expedition.
2. Read some Shoshone stories. Write a report or write your own story inspired by the Shoshone stories.
3. Weave a beaded belt with help from this website - <http://plbrown.blogspot.com/2011/01/wampum-weaving-how-to-do-it.html>
4. Mark on the maps all the places Sacagawea traveled, where she was born, where she was taken, the expedition, and after.
5. Read a historical fiction about Sacagawea or Lewis and Clark (some examples above) and write a book report.





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